
**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	:	Hon. Georgette Castner
	:	
v.	:	Crim No. 22-370-01 (GC)
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LINDA MIKA	:	ORDER FOR A CONTINUANCE

This matter having come before the Court on the joint application of Philip R. Sellinger, United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey (by Eric A. Boden, Assistant United States Attorney), and defendant Linda Mika (by Dennis C. Carletta, Esq.), for an order granting a continuance of the proceedings in the above-captioned matter from the date this Order is signed through August 31, 2023, to permit defense counsel the reasonable time necessary for effective preparation in this matter and to allow the parties to discuss the matter and conduct plea negotiations in an effort to resolve the case before trial; and the defendant being aware that she has the right to have the matter commence to trial within 70 days from the filing date (and making public) of the indictment, or from the date the defendant has appeared before a judicial officer of the court in which such charge is pending, whichever date last occurs pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 3161(c)(1); and the defendant, through her attorney, having consented to the continuance; and six prior continuances having been granted on June 13, 2022, July 25, 2022, September 8, 2022, November 8, 2022, January 24, 2023, and March 31,

2023, following the indictment of this matter; and for good and sufficient cause shown,

IT IS THE FINDING OF THIS COURT that this action should be continued for the following reasons:

(1) The parties anticipate entering into plea negotiations, which would render any trial of this matter unnecessary;

(2) The failure to grant such a continuance would deny counsel for the defendant or the attorney for the government the reasonable time necessary for effective preparation, taking into account the exercise of due diligence;

(3) The defendant has consented to the aforementioned continuance;

(4) The grant of a continuance will likely conserve judicial resources;
and

(5) As a result of the foregoing, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 3161(h)(7), the ends of justice served by granting the continuance outweigh the best interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial.

WHEREFORE, it is on this 26th day of May, 2023;

ORDERED that this action be, and it hereby is, continued from the date this Order is signed through August 31, 2023; and it is further

ORDERED that the period from the date this Order is signed through August 31, 2023 shall be excludable in computing time under the Speedy Trial Act of 1974.



HON. GEORGETTE CASTNER
United States District Judge

Form and entry consented to:



Eric A. Boden
Assistant United States Attorney



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